

NH MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

NH Fire Academy
Concord, NH

MINUTES OF MEETING July 17, 2014

Members present: James Suozzi – Chair; Kenneth Call, MD; Joseph Leahy; Frank Hubbell; David Hirsch; Patrick Lanzetta; Thomas Trimarco; Douglas McVicar.

Members absent: Mathurin Malby; Jonathan Vacik

Guests: Kevin Blinn, Chuck Hemeon, Brian Nicholson, Jameson Ayotte, Pam Drewniak, Mark Hastings, Jeffrey Stewart, Jacob MacGlashing, John Seidner, Robert Johnson, Richard Riley, Grant Turpin, Steve Erickson; Aaron McIntire; Stacy Meier; Eric Jaeger; Jason Grey; Fred Heinrich; Richard O'Brien; Janet Houston; Jeanne Erickson; Jason Preston; Paul Leischner;; Michael Flynn; Joshua Morrison; Bruce Goldthwaite.

Bureau Staff: Bureau Chief Nick Mercuri; Vicki Blanchard; Richard Cloutier; Shawn Jackson.

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Introductions were made.

Approval of the May 15, 2014 Minutes - Motion was made; seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Membership - Chair Suozzi said that Ray Kelley has resigned. Vicki Blanchard had a letter from him and read it to the Board.

Chair Suozzi introduced Brain Sweeney, MD from St. Joseph Hospital; Region II had submitted their letter of recommendation for membership to the board. Suozzi also introduced John Seidner, MD from the Elliot Hospital and Joshua Morrison, MD from Lakes Region General Hospital; both John and Joshua are awaiting their letters of recommendation from their councils.

Bureau/Division Updates – Chief Mercuri

BC Mercuri was present and some updates. A Deputy Chief has been hire – Jon Bouffard – he will be starting next week. The Division has also hired: Denice McAdoo – Program Assistant – mostly to assist Rich Cloutier with investigations and Todd Donovan to assist Chip Cooper. Rules are moving forward; details are being ironed out. A group is working to update the Mobile Integrated Healthcare protocol, which will be going before the protocol committee soon. Narcan use – training is on the website and is moving forward. There will be more as summer goes on

and it will be reported on. EMS in the Warm Zone – he and Dr. Suozzi have been discussing how to do this. The goal is to put out a Best Practice document. The Bureau will be going back to an EMS Newsletter, as opposed to a bulletin. There will be updates, etc. posted in the newsletter.

Coordinating Board Update – Hubbell:

Dr. Hubbell was present and had an update. He said there has been discussion about the EMS for Mass Gatherings/Events and how the Bureau can help departments deal with this. There is a document that has been produced about how this is going to be done. It is essentially a summary of other best practices around the country. This will grow over time.

Trauma Medical Review Committee – Call:

Dr. Call was present and had an update. He reported that Dr. Gupta has resigned as Chair. Nick Mercuri has taken the reins until a replacement is found. The Spinal Protection Protocol has been well received. There was nothing major to report. There have been a couple of people interested in taking the position of Chairman of the Committee.

Protocols

Abdominal Pain: New protocol

Obstetrical/Gynecological Emergencies: New protocol, Blanchard is to add bullet for benzodiazepines if no results from magnesium.

Seizures: New bullet regarding midazolam route; IM is the preferred route if an IV is not been established prior to the seizure. No changes were made to the protocol.

Abuse and Neglect of Child, Elder, Incapacitated Adults or Other Vulnerable Individuals: minor changes.

Bloodborne/Airborne Pathogens: New bullet addressing recent out of country travel.

Consent for Treatment of a Minor: New bullet regarding Sexual Assault.

DNR: New title which includes Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)

On Scene Medical Personnel: Added bullets to mirror Saf-C 5922.01 (c) which addresses providers coming upon a scene of an emergency by happenstance.

Special Resuscitation Situations & Exceptions: Title changed to, “Resuscitation Initiation & Termination.

Suctioning: made reference to Tracheostomy Care for suctioning a tracheostomy tube.

Vote: McVicar moved to accept protocols as presented, Hubbell 2nd. Vote Unanimously passed.

CPAP for EMT Level

Vicki Blanchard said she and Dr. Suozzi have gotten more information and reached out to board members. Dr. Suozzi said several states have had this before the National Scope of Practice came out. He brought up the question of how often this is being used at the AEMT level in NH. It is not used very often at that level. Eric Jaeger said he would advocate for moving it down to the EMT-Basic level. Shawn Jackson said this is not a skill within the Scope of Practice. The question of when to use CPAP was brought up. There was some discussion.

Hubbell motioned to move CPAP to the EMT level, Call 2nd.

Yes: Sweeney, Leahy, Call, and Hubbell

No: McVicar, Lanzetta, Hirsch, Trimarco, Suozzi

Hirsch motioned to bolster the CPAP training at the Advanced EMT level, McVicar 2nd.
Yes: McVicar, Lanzetta, Hirsch, Trimarco, Suozzi, Leahy
No: Sweeney, Call, and Hubbell

Critical Care Update

Sue Prentiss was not present. Vicki Blanchard and Janet Houston had an update. Vicki said they had a meeting in May with people from around the state and out of that several sub-groups were developed. She said they looked at where the trouble spots were. There was another meeting the end of June which included Vicki, Sue Prentiss and Janet Houston. She said the problem comes back to collecting and tracking data. At this point they are looking at getting some outside help, maybe hiring an intern, to help with data collection.

Janet Houston also said that tracking data is a problem. She said they may be able to get some information from the hospitals who are tracking. That way they would not have to survey each and every hospital. The problem with gathering data may be geographical.

Bariatric Project Update

Eric Jaeger was present and gave an update. He said they are declaring a success on Phase I. They have signed up EMS agencies around the state to host the equipment and the equipment has been deployed on schedule. They do not yet have a system in place to dispatch the equipment and do not have the capacity to do any training. They are looking into funds to help with this. Eric said this is also a system of care issue, not just about having the equipment. Part of the next phase is building a system of care.

Other Topics

BC Mercuri brought up one other thing. The Trauma Registry grant has been awarded to ImageTrend and will be able to tie into EMS data.

Adjournment: 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2014 – Fire Academy – Concord NH

Respectfully Submitted,

James Suozzi, MD, Chairman

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